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SUBJ: FROLIZI CHAIRMAN TO VISIT US

1. FROLIZI CHAIRMAN JAMES CHIKEREMA PLANS VISIT US FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH FROM OCT 25. WILL STOP IN LIBERIA ON WAY TO US. ALTHOUGH NOT INVITED BY UNGA SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE, CHIKEREMA INDICATED HE EXPECTED SEE VARIOUS MISSION REPS AT UN. ALSO PLANS CALL ON GEORGE HOUSER AT ACOA AND FRANK FERRARI AT AAI. AS IT WILL BE HIS FIRST TIME IN US, CHIKEREMA HOPES VISIT WASHINGTON AND WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY CALL ON DEPT OFFS. EMBASSY GAVE HIM NAME OF HOYT IN AF/S AS CONTACT.

2. LOCAL PRESS OCT 11 FEATURED REFUSAL BRITISH HICOM LUSAKA TO RENEW CHIKEREMA'S BRITISH PASSPORT FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD. HICOM PASSPORT OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF REFUSAL STEMS FROM RECENT DIRECTIVE TO FULLY IMPLEMENT 1968 DECISION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL TO WITHHOLD BRITISH CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FROM RHODESIANS CONNECTED WITH ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN PROMOTING VIOLENCE.

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THIS HAS NOW BEEN INTERPRETED TO INCLUDE "STAFF MEMBERS" OF

SUCH ORGANIZATIONS. CASES INVOLVING SUCH PERSONS ARE REFERRED TO LONDON FOR DECISION. CHIKEREMA'S CASE WAS FIRST OCCURRING HERE.

3. GRZ ISSUED ZAMBIAN TRAVEL DOCUMENT TO CHIKEREMA OCT 11. EMBASSY ISSUED B-1 VISA VALID ONE MONTH ONE ENTRY.

4. IN OCT 11 PRESS RELEASE ZANU CRITICIZED BRITISH DECISION TO REFUSE RENEWAL OF PASSPORTS HELD BY ZIMBABWEAN LIBERATION LEADERS. RELEASE SAID DECISION REINFORCES VIEW THAT "THE INTERESTS OF THE WHITE SETTLERS IN ZIMBABWE AND THOSE OF THE BRITISH COINCIDE IN A MUCH MORE FUNDAMENTAL WAY THAN MOST PEOPLE ARE MADE TO BELIEVE." ASSERTED "IT HAS NEVER BEEN A PLEASURE OR AN HONOR TO HOLD BRITISH PASSPORTS AS THESE HAVE BEEN ISSUED ON A DISCRIMINATORY BASIS." ZANU SAID IT WAS NOT SURPRISED AT LATEST BRITISH MOVE AND HAD ALREADY CONTACTED SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES FOR HELP WITH TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

5. COMMENT: NOT CLEAR HOW HMG DEFINES "STAFF MEMBERS" BUT HICOM PASSPORT OFFICER INDICATED IT INCLUDES ALL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF ZIMBABWEAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IF SO, EMBASSY ESTIMATES APPROXIMATELY 30 BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDERS IN ZAMBIA WILL BE AFFECTED. CHIKEREMA SAID HE INTERPRETED HMG'S ACTION AS PART OF BRITISH "SELL OUT" TO SMITH REGIME. ALTHOUGH FROLIZI IS REGARDED HERE AS VIRTUALLY DEFUNCT, CHIKEREMA MAINTAINED FROLIZI CONTINUING OPERATIONS INSIDE RHODESIA. SAID IT HAD NEVER BEEN FROLIZI'S POLICY TO PUBLICIZE ITS ACTIVITIES.
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